



# BIOGRAPHY

**UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

## BRIGADIER GENERAL MARY J. KIGHT



Brigadier General Mary J. Kight is the Assistant Adjutant General for the California National Guard. She serves as a military assistant and advisor to The Adjutant General for Army and Air National Guard matters in the state of California. After graduating from California State University, Chico, General Kight enlisted in the active duty Air Force and received her commission in 1974. She had a successful career as a Personnel Officer at Fairchild AFB, Spokane, Washington, followed by an assignment with the Department of the Army. She ended her initial active duty career at Headquarters Strategic Air Command (SAC), Omaha, Nebraska. While continuing her military affiliation, she was assigned as the Wing Executive Officer upon joining the Nebraska Air National Guard in 1981. She later returned to her home state of California in 1984 when she joined the California Air National Guard in Fresno. She

served as the Avionics Maintenance Officer from 1984 to 1987, Field Maintenance Officer from 1987 to 1990 and Aircraft Maintenance Officer from 1991 to 1994. She served as the first Aircraft Generation Squadron Commander for the 144th Fighter Wing from 1994 through 1998. General Kight was the 144th Mission Support Group Commander, in Fresno, California, and also served as the 201st Mission Support Squadron, Detachment Commander for all members on Title 10. In 2004, General Kight was assigned as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Headquarters California Air National Guard. In 2006 General Kight was assigned as the Assistant Adjutant General for the California National Guard.

### EDUCATION:

1970 Associates Degree, Monterey Peninsula Jr. College, Monterey, CA  
1973 Bachelor's Degree, California State University, Chico, CA  
1976 Squadron Officers School  
1977 Masters Degree, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA  
1992 Air Command and Staff College  
1999 Air War College, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL  
2000 Masters Degree, Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, AL

## **ASSIGNMENTS:**

1. February 1974 – October 1974, Base, Chief, Processing Section, 92 Combat Support Group (SAC), Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
2. October 1974 – August 1975, Base, Chief, Career Progression Section, 92 Combat Support Group (SAC), Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
3. April 1975 – June 1975, WAF Squadron Commander, Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
4. September 1975 – February 1976, Base, Chief, Customer Assistance Section, 92 Combat Support Group (SAC), Fairchild AFB, Spokane, WA
5. March 1976 – February 1979, AFEES Test Control Officer, DET WA@) AFELM MEPCOM WEST (ELM), Spokane, WA
6. February 1979 – February 1980, MAJCOM, Chief, Evaluation Branch, Offutt AFB, NE
7. January 1981 – January 1983, Group, Command Administration Officer (TAC), Nebraska ANGB, Lincoln, NE
8. January 1983 – October 1984, Wing/Base, Chief of Administration (TAC), Nebraska ANGB, Lincoln, NE
9. October 1984 – July 1987, Avionics Maintenance Officer, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron (TAC), Fresno ANGB, Fresno, CA
10. July 1987 – December 1990, Field Maintenance Officer, Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance squadron (TAC), Fresno ANGB, Fresno, CA
11. December 1990 – October 1994, Group, Aircraft Maintenance Officer (ACC), Fresno ANGB, Fresno, CA
12. October 1994 – July 1998, Aircraft Generation Squadron Commander (ACC), Fresno ANGB, Fresno, CA
13. July 1998 – June 1999, Air War College (AETC), Maxwell AFB, Montgomery, AL
14. June 1999 – November 2004, Mission Support Group Commander (ACC), Fresno ANGB, Fresno, CA
15. November 2004 – February 2006, Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Headquarters California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA
16. February 2006 – Present, Assistant Adjutant General, California National Guard, Sacramento, CA

## **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:**

Defense Meritorious Service Medal  
Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Force Commendation Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Air Force Achievement Medal  
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters  
National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Star  
Air Force Longevity Service Ribbon with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters  
Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Force Training Ribbon

## **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:**

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| Second Lieutenant  | February 14, 1974 |
| First Lieutenant   | February 14, 1976 |
| Captain            | December 16, 1980 |
| Major              | December 16, 1987 |
| Lieutenant Colonel | December 16, 1994 |
| Colonel            | July 10, 2001     |
| Brigadier General  | March 18, 2006    |